

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  DAVID RAAB ET AL.  Serial No.: 10/539,208  Filed: May 24, 2006  For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPTIMIZING A NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSION OF A PROTEIN	Confirmation No.: 2327  Art Unit: 1631  Examiner: ZHOU, Shubo
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2613.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** Begin on page 11 of this paper.